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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554DISPATCHED
MM Docket No. 92-172

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b), RM-6965
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.
(Leland, Mississippi)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: July 24, 1992;

Released: August 18, 1992

Comment Date: October 8, 1992

Reply Comment Date: October 23, 1992

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. Before the Commission for consideration is a petition for rule making filed by Interchange Communications, Inc. ("petitioner"), requesting the substitution of Channel 232C2 for Channel 232A at Leland, Mississippi. Petitioner also requests modification of its license for Station WBAD(FM), Channel 232A, to specify operation on Channel 232C2. Petitioner submitted information in support of the proposal and expressed its intention to apply for the channel, if allotted.

2. We believe petitioner's proposal warrants consideration. Channel 232C2 can be allotted to Leland, Mississippi, consistent with the Commission's spacing requirements at petitioner's specified site.¹ Channel 232C2 at Leland is short-spaced to Channel 232A, Station KTRY-FM, Bastrop, Louisiana, and to Channel 232A, Station KTRY-FM, Charleston, Mississippi. However, the license for Station KTRY-FM, Bastrop, was modified to specify operation on Channel 230C2 in Docket 84-231, 7 FCC Rcd 470 (1992), and the construction permit for Station KTRY-FM, Charleston, was modified to specify operation on Channel 239A in Docket 88-14, 3 FCC Rcd 4315 (1988). The issuance of a license for Station WBAD(FM) on Channel 232C2 may be withheld until Station KTRY-FM is licensed on Channel 230C2 and Station KTRY-FM is licensed on Channel 239A. We shall also propose to modify the license for Station WBAD(FM), Channel 232A, to specify operation on Channel 232C2 in accordance with Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules.

3. We believe the public interest would be served by proposing the substitution of Channel 232C2 for Channel 232A at Leland, Mississippi, since it would provide the community with its first wide coverage area FM service. Accordingly, we seek comments on the proposed amend-

ment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, for the community listed below, to read as follows:

City	Present	Proposed
Leland, Mississippi	232A, 272A	232C2, 272A

4. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

5. Interested parties may file comments on or before **October 8, 1992**, and reply comments on or before **October 23, 1992**, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner's counsel, as follows:

David Tillotson
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1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Commission, shall send by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, a copy of this *Order* to the following:

Jamie Patrick Broadcasting, Ltd. Bastrop, Louisiana 71220	Charleston Broadcasting Co., Inc. Shelton Road P.O. Box 9 Charleston, Mississippi 38921
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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See *Certification that Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules*, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such

¹ The coordinates for Channel 232C2 at Leland are 33-24-55

and 90-59-18.

a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Michael C. Ruger
Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. *Showings Required.* Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. *Cut - off Procedures.* The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules.)

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. *Comments and Reply Comments; Service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested par-

ties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.)

5. *Number of Copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. *Public Inspection of Filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C.